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Blunt Awards Grants for 100 Technology Classrooms in 100 Schools

JEFFERSON CITY – Gov. Matt Blunt today announced the 100 classrooms in 100 schools across the state that will be awarded a total of \$2.9 million through his new eMINTS/METS Classrooms Grant Program. The funding was included as part of the governor’s education budget and is over and above the K-12 funding contained in the Governor’s new funding formula.

“In addition to sending more than a half a billion dollars in new funding to Missouri schools, we are promoting strategic investments in math and science learning to ensure that students have the necessary skills to succeed in the competitive, technology-based economy and careers of the future,” **Gov. Blunt** said. “Education is my highest priority, and I am committed to ensuring that our children receive a world class education that prepares them for the challenges of the future.”

The new 100 technology classrooms in 100 schools include:

District Name	School Name	Applicant Teacher
Affton 101	Gotsch Intermediate	Laura Pezzani
Albany R-III	Albany Middle	Tony Atkins
Arcadia Valley R-II	Arcadia Valley High	Jennifer Thornton
Ava R-I	Ava High	Jackie Carl
Bevier C-4	Joan C. Patrick Elementary	Amanda O'Brien
Bevier C-4	Bevier High	Carla Easley
Bolivar R-I	Bolivar Middle	Cassy Farmer
Bolivar R-I	Bolivar High	Clayton McCullah
Brunswick R-II	Brunswick High	Julie Fletcher
Brunswick R-II	Brunswick Elementary	Heather Sims
Carrollton R-VII	Carrollton High	Scarlet Horine
Carthage R-IX	Steadley Elementary	Velda Patton

Carthage R-IX	Carthage Senior High	Autumn Palmer
Cassville R-IV	Cassville Intermediate	Maria San Paolo
Cassville R-IV	Cassville Middle	Wendy Miekley
Center 58	Indian Creek Elementary	Amy Meirowsky
Center 58	Center Middle	Brad Piroutek
Charleston R-I	Charleston High	William McNeary
Columbia 93	Oakland Junior High	Beth Newton
Community R-VI	Community High	Bethany Curtis
Confluence Academies	Confluence Academy - ONSL	Angel Nave
Diamond R-IV	Diamond Elementary	Nicola Higgs
El Dorado Springs R-II	El Dorado Springs High	Frances Holder
El Dorado Springs R-II	El Dorado Springs Middle	Kim Bowmaster
Fort Osage R-I	Fire Prairie Middle	Ruth Skaggs
Ft. Zumwalt R-II	Dardenne Elementary	Amy Schwartz
Fulton 58	McIntire Elementary	Cami Webb
Fulton 58	Fulton Middle	Trish Gilman
Grain Valley R-V	Grain Valley Middle	Kathy Parrott
Grain Valley R-V	Prairie Branch Elem	Darby Rusher
Hallsville R-IV	Hallsville Elementary	Elizabeth O'Day
Hallsville R-IV	Hallsville Middle	Susan German
Hermitage R-IV	Hermitage Elementary	Denise Hawkins
Hickman Mills C-1	Smith-Hale Middle	Eric Hall
Holden R-III	Holden Intermediate	Robin Eissler
Holden R-III	Holden Middle	Patti Lott
Holden R-III	Holden High	Laura Meador
Independence 30	William Chrisman High	Katharine Sparks
Jefferson C-123	Jefferson C-123 High	Royce Cozine
Joplin R-VIII	McKinley Elementary	Tammy Hunter
Joplin R-VIII	Memorial Middle	Suzanne Chlanda
Knob Noster R-VIII	Knob Noster Middle	Michelle Tackett
Knob Noster R-VIII	Whiteman Elementary	Cheri Luehrs
Knob Noster R-VIII	Knob Noster High	Neva Allen
Lebanon R-III	Lebanon Senior High	Erica Cox
Lebanon R-III	Hillcrest Elementary	Glenda Admire
Leeton R-X	Leeton High	Brian Holmgren
Leeton R-X	Leeton Middle	Angela Strauss
Leeton R-X	Leeton Elementary	Theresa Schull
Lincoln R-II	Lincoln High	Rebecca Mueller
Maplewood Richmond Heights	MRH Elementary	Lauren Borger
Maries County R-II	Belle High	Travis Plume
Maries County R-II	Belle Elementary	Amy Stradford

Maries County R-II	Belle Middle	Jennifer Bacon
Marshall	Bueker Middle	Heidi Rogers
Marshall	Marshall High	Britta Zernicke
Mehlville R-IX	Oakville High	John Souris
Mexico 59	Mexico Middle	Becky Schafer
Monett R-I	Monett Intermediate	Teresa Huntress
Montgomery County R-II	Bellflower Elementary	Janice Edgar
Nixa R-II	High Pointe Elementary	Heather Pearce
Nixa R-II	Nixa Middle	Dorrie Harris
Northwest R-I	House Springs Intermediate	Susan Collins
Northwest R-I	Northwest Valley	Jennifer Schumacher
Northwest R-I	Northwest High	Michael White
Odessa R-VII	Odessa Middle	Dawn Griffith
Paris R-II	Paris Junior High	Deb Rinz
Paris R-II	Paris High	Suzanne Otto
Plato R-V	Plato High	Dawn Sprouse
Putnam County R-I	Putnam County Middle	Louis Spase
Ralls County R-II	Center Elementary	Kristie Darley
Raytown C-2	South Middle	Sarah Morales
Reeds Spring R-IV	Reeds Spring High	Tonya Lewis
Reeds Spring R-IV	Reeds Spring Middle	Jason Walworth
Reeds Spring R-IV	Reeds Spring Intermediate	Tricia Weydert
Richmond R-XVI	Richmond Middle	William Dooley
Ritenour	Hoech Middle	Dan Tripp
Ritenour	Wyland Elementary	Melissa Timmerman
Riverview Gardens	Highland Elementary	Matthew Williams
Riverview Gardens	Central Middle	Wayne Balk
Rockwood R-VI	Chesterfield Elementary	Lori Mathys
Rockwood R-VI	Summit High	Ted Gray
Sedalia 200	Heber Hunt Elementary	Amanda Jackson
Sedalia 200	Sedalia Middle	Rose Crawford
South Callaway County R-II	South Callaway Middle	Regina Van Patten
St. Charles R-VI	Coverdell Elementary	Dana Hayes
St. James R-I	Lucy W. James Elem	Melissa Keeney
St. James R-I	St. James Middle	Nancy Davis
St. James R-I	Hodge High	David Bond
St. Louis City	Gundlach Elementary	Francine Guilfooy
Strafford R-VI	Strafford Elementary	Joyce Graves
Waynesville R-VI	Freedom Elementary	Sharon Clayton

Wellsville-Middletown	Wellsville High	Jane Edwards
Wellsville-Middletown	Wellsville Middle	Jackie Myhren
Wentzville R-IV	Frontier Middle	Julia Luetkenhaus
Worth County R-III	Worth County High	Tish Warner
Worth County R-III	Worth County Elementary	Janet Kinsella
Worth County R-III	Worth County Middle	Kelley Ross
Wright City R-II	Wright City Middle	Stacey Braendle
Wright City R-II	Wright City Elementary	Sally Stever

The governor announced his plan to provide \$2.9 million to 100 classrooms in 100 schools with technology in his State of the State address. The program enhances Missouri's Instructional Networked Teaching Strategies (eMINTS), which provides teachers with lessons on how to incorporate technology into instruction and learning.

The eMINTS/METS Classrooms Grant Program was designed to create a visible set of classrooms that effectively integrate high-quality mathematics and science curriculum and teaching strategies that are powered by technology. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) contributed an additional \$250,000 for professional development, bringing the department's total professional development budget for this program to more than \$1.2 million.

Integrating technology in 100 new classrooms in 100 schools is part of the governor's ongoing efforts to enhance learning opportunities in METS (Math, Engineering, Technology and Science). Gov. Blunt's METS initiative is designed to help Missourians understand the importance of METS to our children's future and the state's ability to compete in the global economy. He continues to identify ways to enhance METS learning in our state and hosted the first comprehensive summit to bring stakeholders together to enhance learning opportunities for students. The METS Alliance, a product of the summit, has taken an active role to ensure Missouri is preparing students for the careers of their generation.

This year Blunt also expanded quality afterschool programs for students to participate in math and science activities. In addition he secured funding to encourage more students to take advanced placement (AP) courses by paying a portion of the test fee for all students that take AP math and science exams. DESE committed \$100,000 in professional development funding to certify additional teachers to teach AP courses.

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